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SUMMER PRUNING OF THE GRAPE, AND NEW ROSE-BLACKET.—The following is from the County Gentleman's report of the doings of the Agricultural Society of New Haven, N. Y.

J. Salter of Rochester, was engaged in grape-growing; his practice was very close and strict pruning—raised fruit on the spur, and training the vine to a single stem. He recommended cutting off the vine three times above, and twice below the ground.

The destruction of birds, which is encouraged by many, is a most important consideration.

J. Crane of Lowell, recommended summer pruning on the Islands for 15 or 16 years, said al-

most all the vines were destroyed, and now can-

not bear fruit, except those which have been

pruned in the winter, and are trained by cut-

ting off the main stem.

H. Longfellow said the only reliable way

to secure the preservation of the vine is to give

quite close pruning, and then you must have some

Mr. Johnson of Naples, one of the grape raisers in

his vicinity had practised summer pruning with

some success, but did not keep up the practice.

J. Salter of Rochester, thought the birds below

the vine would be worthless, if we could

get rid of them, and the birds above, by cutting

off the main vine.

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